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TERRORISM IN INDIAN OCEAN REGION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy Chief Admiral has stated that the Indian Ocean region had become the de facto home of global terrorism;

(b) if so, the facts thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken at a multi-lateral level for tackling this problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): During a seminar on "Freedom of the Seas", the Chief of the Naval Staff had expressed his concern over acts of piracy and terrorism affecting the maritime environment in the Indian Ocean. The Indian Navy frequently conducts 'Presence & Surveillance' missions. Aircraft surveillance sorties and ship patrols are carried out at frequent intervals by Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard in close coordination with each other. Cooperation and constructive engagement with India's maritime neighbours is also maintained to curb terrorism across the ocean.